

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number (if known) _____

Chapter you are filing under:

☒ Chapter 7☐ Chapter 11☐ Chapter 12☐ Chapter 13☐ Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint* case—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Identify Yourself**About Debtor 1:****About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):****1. Your full name**

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Elvia

First name

Calderon

Middle name

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

Ortiz

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years

Include your married or maiden names.

Elvia Calderon-Ortiz**3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)****xxx-xx-0826**

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About Debtor 1:

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years

☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.

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Include trade names and *doing business as* names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EINs

EINs

5. Where you live

**412 W. Blair Street
West Chicago, IL 60185**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

DuPage

County

If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

County

If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy

Check one:

☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

☐ I have another reason.
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☒ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☐ Chapter 13
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8. **How you will pay the fee** ☒ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☐ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
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| District _____ | When _____ | Case number _____ |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Debtor _____ | Relationship to you _____ |
| District _____ | When _____ |
| Case number, if known _____ | |
| Debtor _____ | Relationship to you _____ |
| District _____ | When _____ |
| Case number, if known _____ | |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you and do you want to stay in your residence?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

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Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor**12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?**☒ No. Go to Part 4.☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

Name of business, if any

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Check the appropriate box to describe your business:

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- ☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- ☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- ☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- ☐ None of the above

13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?

If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention**14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**☒ No.☐ Yes. What is the hazard?

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

Where is the property?

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

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Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling**15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.**

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.**
I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.
- ☐ **Disability.**
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

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- ☐ **Active duty.**
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes

16. What kind of debts do you have?	16a.	Are your debts primarily consumer debts? <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16b.	Are your debts primarily business debts? <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16c.	State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts

17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.
Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes.	I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
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19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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Part 7: Sign Below**For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Elvia Calderon Ortiz**Elvia Calderon Ortiz**

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on **August 10, 2016**

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For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

/s/ Linda G. Bal

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

August 10, 2016

MM / DD / YYYY

Linda G. Bal

Printed name

Linda Bal Law Inc.

Firm name

207 N. Walnut Street
Itasca, IL 60143

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone 630-285-0255

Email address

LindaBal@att.net6202830

Bar number & State

Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,
and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts.
Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C.
§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual
primarily for a personal, family, or
household purpose."

The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under
one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan
for family farmers or
fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan
for individuals with regular
income

**You should have an attorney review your
decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of
chapter.**

Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245	filing fee
\$75	administrative fee
+	\$15 trustee surcharge
\$335	total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form—the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form—sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

Chapter 11: Reorganization

	\$1,167	filing fee
+	\$550	administrative fee
	\$1,717	total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

- domestic support obligations,
- most student loans,
- certain taxes,
- debts for fraud or theft,
- debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,
- most criminal fines and restitution obligations,
- certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,
- certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and
- certain long-term secured debts.

Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:
http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:
http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html.

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:
<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCreditAndDebtCounselors.aspx>.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.

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United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re **Elvia Calderon Ortiz**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter **7**

DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$	665.00
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$	665.00
Balance Due	\$	0.00

2. \$ **335.00** of the filing fee has been paid.
3. The source of the compensation paid to me was:
- ☐ Debtor ☒ Other (specify): **Mario Perea**
4. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:
- ☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
5. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.
- ☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.
6. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
 - b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
 - c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
 - d. [Other provisions as needed]
Negotiations with secured creditors to reduce to market value; exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements and applications as needed; preparation and filing of motions pursuant to 11 USC 522(f)(2)(A) for avoidance of liens on household goods.
7. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:
Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions, judicial lien avoidances, relief from stay actions or any other adversary proceeding.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

August 10, 2016

Date

/s/ Linda G. Bal

Linda G. Bal 6202830

Signature of Attorney

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Bankruptcy Retainer Agreement

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**OUR LAW FIRM IS A DEBT RELIEF AGENCY. WE HELP PEOPLE FILE FOR
BANKRUPTCY RELIEF UNDER THE US BANKRUPTCY CODE.**

In consideration for services to be rendered to undersigned Client(s), _____

ELVIA CALDERON ORTIZ

("Client")

retain Attorney, Linda G. Bal, ("Attorney"), in connection with representing Client regarding
bankruptcy matters, Client, jointly and severally agrees to the following:

1. The Flat Fee of \$ 1000.00 for Legal Fees is required to be paid for representation of Client in Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case. In the event that Client elects not to proceed with the bankruptcy filing, the Law office of Linda Bal Law Inc. will retain Three hundred dollars (\$300.00) of the initial retainer fee for administrative expenses plus earned fees, including legal fees billed at \$200.00 per hour and paralegal time billed at \$100.00 per hour, and refund any unearned balance.
2. An additional ~~\$335.00~~, payable to Attorney Linda Bal, for the Court Filing Fee of the Bankruptcy Petition. *incl in above 7/mil*
3. An additional \$50.00 fee, payable to Attorney Linda Bal, for the Tri-Pull Credit Report, which will be used to assist our office in determining Client's credit card debt and Client's debt in collection. *incl in above 7/mil*
4. An additional \$38.00 fee, payable to the Credit Counseling Class Company, for two Required Credit Counseling Courses (\$24.00 for first class and \$14.00 for second class – if taken on internet). This fee is to be paid directly to the Credit Counseling Course Company.
5. **Client understands that Attorney will not do any work on client's file until Legal Fee (line 1), Court Filing Fee (line 2) and Credit Report Fee (line 3) are paid in full.**

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6. Client understands that the Bankruptcy Petition will be prepared for Client's review and signing within twenty one days (21) days after all the following are submitted to our office: (a) Legal Fee, (b) Court Filing Fee, (c) Credit Report Fee, (d) Client has submitted copies of all required documents and (e) Client has taken the first Bankruptcy Credit Counseling Class.
7. Once the Bankruptcy Petition is signed by the Client and filed with the Court, additional bills can be added to the Bankruptcy Petition through an Amendment for a fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per Amendment. This fee must be received prior to filing the Amendment. Amendments can be filed with the Court up until the date of Final Discharge.
8. Client understands that if any check given in payment to Attorney is returned for insufficient funds, Client agrees to immediately pay Attorney a Forty Dollar (\$40.00) NSF check fee in addition to the amount of the returned check. This payment and any future payments must therefore be made in cash, certified check or money order.
9. Attorney reserves the right to withdraw from Client representation at any time, if among other things, Client fails to honor the terms of this Agreement, including non-payment of Attorney and court filing fees; Client fails to cooperate or follow advice on a material matter, or if any fact or circumstance arises or is discovered that would render continuing representation unlawful or unethical. Client is aware of an ethical requirement imposed upon all Attorneys in the State of Illinois and Attorney is an officer of the court. If a Client, in the course of representation by an Attorney, perpetrates a fraud upon any person or tribunal, the Attorney is obligated to call upon the Client to rectify the same. If the Client refuses or is unable to do so, the Attorney is required to reveal the fraud to the affected person or tribunal.
10. Since the outcome of negotiations and litigation is subject to factors which cannot always be foreseen, Client acknowledges and understands that Attorney has made no promises or guarantees to Client concerning the outcome and is unable do so. Nothing in this Bankruptcy Retainer Agreement shall be construed as such a promise or guarantee.
11. Client agrees that Attorney's representation ends once the Order of Discharge on Client's Bankruptcy Case, is entered by the Court.
12. Client agrees that files will be retained by Attorney for three (3) years after the Order of Discharge is entered on the Client's Bankruptcy Case. Client further agrees that after this three year period has lapsed, Attorney will have Client's Bankruptcy file shredded.

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13. Attorney shall provide Client with the following services:
 - a. Review and analyze Clients financial circumstances based on information provided by Client.
 - b. If possible and to the extent possible, based on the information provided by Client, advise Client of the Clients options, including but not limited to bankruptcy options.
 - c. Inform Client what information Client needs to provide Attorney in order to allow Attorney to provide appropriate advice and option information, in the event such information Client provided is insufficient.
 - d. Advise Client of the appropriate requirements in connection with the filing of a Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 bankruptcy, including the duties of Client connected with such filing.
 - e. Assuming that a U.S. Bankruptcy proceeding is filed, Attorney services will include all typical Attorney required participation in such proceeding. Attorney Bal or one of her Associate Attorneys will attend the Meeting with the Trustee, 341 Meeting.
 - f. If Client's proceeding requires additional, but not customary work, Attorney will inform Client directly, and enter into a separate written contract for such services to fully apprise Client of the fees, payment requirements, and expected services to be provided.
14. Client acknowledges his/her obligation to make full and complete disclosure of all assets and all liabilities, and to provide all documents and information requested by the Attorney, before the bankruptcy petition can be prepared and filed with the court.
15. Client acknowledges that he/she must take two Credit Counseling Classes. The Pre-Petition Class must be taken before the Bankruptcy is filed. The Post-Petition Class must be taken after the Bankruptcy is filed and client has been assigned Bankruptcy Case Number. **Client acknowledges that their Bankruptcy cannot be finalized unless both Credit Counseling Classes are taken.**
16. Client acknowledges that Attorney does not represent Client in any other type of case, lawsuit or proceeding other than Clients Bankruptcy case.
17. Client acknowledges that only copies of documents are to be submitted to Attorney. No documents submitted to Attorney will be returned to Client.

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18. **Client acknowledges that the Attorney will not research creditor information, including addresses, account numbers, or balances. The Client must provide this information to the Attorney in writing. Failure to do so may result in unscheduled debts subject to non-dischargeability.**
19. **Client agrees that the following matters are not included within the scope of this Flat Fee Bankruptcy Retainer Agreement.** Client agrees that, as to the matters listed below, the Attorney will not take any action on Clients behalf, without a written request and/or a separate Retainer Agreement and possibly an additional retainer:
 - a. **Preparing Reaffirmation Agreements**, negotiating the terms of reaffirmation agreements proposed by creditors, motions to redeem personal property, and negotiating reaffirmation agreements when Clients income is not sufficient to rebut the presumption of undue hardship and special circumstances do not warrant the signing of a reaffirmation agreement.
 - b. **Removal of bank account freezes.**
 - c. **Removal of wage garnishments.**
 - d. **Getting creditors who have been discharged in their Bankruptcy to stop calling.**
 - e. **Correcting Credit Reports.**
 - f. **Obtaining title reports.**
 - g. **Removal of a pending action in another court. Motion to impose or extend the bankruptcy stay.**
 - h. **The determination of real estate or tax liens.**
 - i. **Motions to Discuss Clients bankruptcy case filed by the Trustee, U.S. Trustee, or any creditor.**
 - j. **Any Adversary Proceeding** filed by the Trustee, U.S. Trustee, or any other party on any basis, including, without limitations, proceedings to determine dischargeability of debts.
 - k. **Appeals to the BAP, District Court of Court of Appeals.**
 - l. **Negotiations with Check Systems regarding Client.**
 - m. **Mailing fee for clients who do not have email.**
20. **Client understands that certain debts cannot be discharged in bankruptcy. Client agrees that Client is still liable to repay any debt not discharged in Clients bankruptcy. Client understands that the debts listed below are common examples of the types of debts that cannot be discharged in bankruptcy. Client further understands that the list of non-dischargeable debts may be expanded by legislation or court decisions and Attorney has no control over the type of debts that may be or become non-dischargeable.**
 - a. **Taxes due to the IRS.**

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- b. Student loans as defined by statute.
 - c. Debts owed for spousal or child support.
 - d. Debts owed to the spouse, former spouse, or child in a domestic relations proceeding.
 - e. Debts arising from a previous bankruptcy wherein discharge of that particular debt was waived.
 - f. Debts owed for money, property, services, extension-or-removal, or refinancing of credit, if obtained by false pretenses, or false representations, or actual fraud.
 - g. Consumer debts for luxury goods obtained within ninety (90) days of the date of filing of the bankruptcy petition.
 - h. Cash advances obtained within seventy (70) days of the date of the filing of the bankruptcy petition.
 - i. Debts owed for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity, or embezzlement or larceny.
 - j. Debts owed for fines, penalties, or forfeitures payable to and for the benefit of governmental entity.
 - k. Debts owed for death or personal injury arising from the operation of a motor vehicle, boat, or aircraft while intoxicated by drugs or alcohol.
21. **Client understands that filing bankruptcy does not automatically discharge or remove liens from any real estate.** Client agrees that the Attorney will not take any action to avoid (remove) any lien on real estate unless Client specifically authorizes the Attorney to do so in writing. **Client agrees that the Attorney will rely on Clients statements concerning ownership of real property and any liens attached to Clients real property.** Client agrees that no real estate title search will be conducted. Client agrees that Attorney will not conduct a public records search for lawsuits filed against Client or judgments granted against Client. Client must separately order and pay for a real estate title search, or public records search for lawsuits or judgments, if Clients wishes to obtain one. **Client agrees to hold the Attorney harmless if client later discovers liens, lawsuits or judgments against Client or against Clients real estate.**
22. Client understands that individuals who file for relief under Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code are subject to audits by the U.S. Trustee. If Clients case is selected for an audit, Client agrees to pay Attorney the customary hourly rate for representing Client in such audit.
23. Client acknowledges that Client has read and understands all the terms contains in this Bankruptcy Retainer Agreement and that, whether written, spoken, recorded or transcribed by any other means, no other terms are made part of this Bankruptcy Retainer Agreement. Client is in agreement with the terms of this agreement and has signed on the signature lines below. Client further acknowledges that Client has received a copy of this Bankruptcy Retainer Agreement.

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24. Client's file will be closed without a refund if case not filed within 9 months of opening, due to client's delay in furnishing paperwork or paying the required fees and costs.

Dated: 8-6-16

(X) Elvia Calderon
Client Signature

CALDERON ORTIZ
Client Printed Name

Client Spouse Signature

Client Spouse Printed Name

L. W. [Signature]
Attorney at Law

Client Email Address _____

Client Phone Number _____

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Elvia Calderon Ortiz**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter

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VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

Number of Creditors: **4**

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: **August 10, 2016**

/s/ Elvia Calderon Ortiz

Elvia Calderon Ortiz

Signature of Debtor

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